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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Group: 1626
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Serial No.: 10/500,411 : Examiner: Freisten, Andrew B.
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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of May 8, 2006, Applicants request
reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks presented herein.

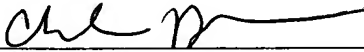
The claims in the application are claims 1 to 10 and 13 to 15, all other claims
being cancelled.

The Examiner has required a 12 way restriction requirement as set forth on pages
3 to 7 of the Office Action which according to the Examiner are not drawn to a single
general inventive concept in view of the diverse substituents set forth therein.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction since the application is based on a PCT application and restriction was not required therein. Therefore, under the PCT rules restriction is not proper and the compounds all have the same utility. However, in order to be fully responsive to the Office action, Applicants elect with traverse Groups I and IV as it is believed that the said groups are both directed to the same thiazole derivative. In the event that the Examiner disagree with respect to Groups I and IV, Applicants elect with traverse Group I.

Since the first Office Action was merely a restriction requirement, Applicants request a prompt action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,
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